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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS (continued) (E/1996/93, E/1996/L.54)

Mr. HENZE (Germany), Vice-President, introducing draft decision E/1996/L.54 on the themes for the segments of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council of 1997, said that since the text of the draft decision had been agreed in informal consultations, he therefore urged its adoption by consensus.

Draft decision E/1996/L.54 was adopted.

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(i) BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT (continued) (E/1996/L.26/Rev.1, E/1996/L.56)

The PRESIDENT drew attention to draft resolution E/1996/L.26/Rev.1 entitled "Corruption and bribery in international commercial transactions" and to the suggested amendments submitted by the European Union contained in document E/1996/L.56.

Informal consultations on the draft texts would be conducted.

COORDINATION QUESTIONS (continued)

(a) REPORTS OF THE COORDINATION BODIES (E/1996/18 and Add.1, A/51/16, Part II)

The PRESIDENT said that since no delegation wished to make a statement, the Council had thus concluded its consideration of that item.

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (continued) (E/1996/102 and Add.1; E/1996/L.55)

The PRESIDENT drew attention to the draft decisions contained in document E/1996/102 and Add.1 and to draft decision E/1996/L.55 on the participation of non-governmental organizations accredited to the Fourth World Conference on Women, noting that informal consultations would be held on the draft decisions.

PROGRAMME AND RELATED QUESTIONS IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND RELATED FIELDS (continued) (A/51/16, Part II)

The PRESIDENT said that since no delegation wished to make a statement, the Council had thus concluded its consideration of that item.

IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 50/227: FURTHER MEASURES FOR THE RESTRUCTURING AND REVITALIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND RELATED FIELDS (E/1996/97, E/1996/CRP.3/Rev.1, E/1996/CRP.5/Rev.1)

The PRESIDENT drew attention to the documentation before the Council, which included an informal paper dated 7 November 1996 on the outcome of informal discussions on General Assembly resolution 50/227, and informed members that informal consultations would be held on the item.

The meeting rose at 10.25 a.m.